

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 569

Honoring the life of those who died in service to their country aboard  
the U.S.S. Enterprise on January 14, 1969.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of those who died in service to their  
country aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise on January 14, 1969.

Whereas, on the morning of January 14, 1969, an MK-32  
Zuni rocket fixed to an F-4 Phantom on the U.S.S. En-  
terprise (CVN-65) was overheated due to the exhaust of  
a nearby aircraft causing the rocket to explode;

Whereas the initial explosion of the MK-32 Zuni rocket set  
off a chain reaction of explosions, thus causing the death  
of 28 sailors and injuries to 314 more;

Whereas the servicemen killed include FA Paul Akers, AN  
David M. Asbury, LTJG Carl D. Berghult, LTJG James  
H. Berry, AO3 Richard W. Bovaird, AE3 Patrick L.  
Bulingham, AMS3 James R. Floyd Jr., AN Ernest L.  
Foster, ABHAN Delbert D. Girty, AEC Ronald E. Hay,  
ASH3 Roger L. Halbrook, AN Dole L. Hunt, ALAN

Donald R. Lacy, ADJ3 Armando Limon, AME3 Dennis E. Marks, ABH1 James Martineau, ALAN Joseph C. Mason, AN Dennis R. Milburn, AN Joseph W. Oates, LTJG Buddy D. Pyeatt, ABE3 Jacob J. Quintis, BM2 James C. Snipes, AN Russell J. Tyler, AN Lavern R. Von Feldt, AN Robert C. Ward Jr., AN John R. Webster, ASM2 Henry S. Yates Jr., and AMS3 Jerome D. Yoakum;

Whereas the U.S.S. Enterprise, also known as “the Big E”, was the world’s first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and changed forever the face of maritime warfare;

Whereas the U.S.S. Enterprise, commissioned on November 25, 1961, is the world’s longest aircraft carrier, measuring 1,123 feet, and remains in service docked at its home in Norfolk, Virginia; and

Whereas those who perished aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise on January 14, 1969, served their country bravely: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life and legacy
- 2 of those who bravely served aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise
- 3 (CVN–65), especially those who gave their lives in service
- 4 to the United States on January 14, 1969.

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